

California Children's Services (CCS)

California Children's Services (CCS) provides medically necessary care and case management to infants, children, and adolescents with certain physical limitations, chronic health conditions, or diseases who meet program eligibility requirements. Services may include outpatient medical treatment, medications, therapy, hospitalization and in-home nursing care.

Who is eligible?

- Children under age 21 who have had and currently have or may have one or more of the serious medical and disabling conditions covered by CCS. For more specific information about the eligible conditions, contact the CCS office at the county health department.
- Children must be California residents to receive services.

How does immigration status affect eligibility?

The child's immigration status does not matter.

What are the income limits?

Family income must be less than **\$40,000** (adjusted gross income on State tax form). Families with higher incomes may qualify if out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child's CCS eligible condition are expected to be more than 20% of family income. Family income is not a factor for children who:

- Need diagnostic services to confirm a CCS eligible condition
- Were adopted with a known CCS eligible condition
- Apply only for services through the Medical Therapy Program (MTP)
- Are enrolled in no-cost Medi-Cal
- Are enrolled in Healthy Families

Are there resource limits?

This program does not take resources into consideration. Resources are items a family may own such as cars, houses, jewelry, savings or checking accounts, etc.

What does it cost to participate?

There may be a cost if the family's annual income is above \$40,000.

What services are offered?

- Doctor visits and care, hospital stays, surgery, physical therapy and occupational therapy, tests, X-rays, medical equipment, and medical supplies
- Medical case management to help get special doctors and to refer you to other agencies, such as public health nursing and regional centers
- Medical Therapy Program, which provides physical therapy and/or occupational therapy in public schools (for more information visit www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/MTP.aspx).

Can children receive services if they have other insurance?

Yes. CCS coverage would be secondary and pay for services not covered by the child's primary insurance.

How do families apply?

They can visit the CCS website at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/default.aspx>, contact their county Department of Health Services, Children Services Branch or call 1-800-288-4584.